

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of reference has failed to disclose or suggest a stent having a web structure as recited in the independent claims, especially the at least three web each comprising a plurality of web sections, with one of the web sections being angled relative to one other web section when the stent is in the expanded deployed configuration, or three web sections, with one of the web sections being a central section joined at opposite ends thereof to two lateral sections, each of the lateral sections being angled relative to the central section when the stent is in the expanded deployed configuration.

Claims 1-63, 65, 73-75, 77-78, 86-118 have been canceled.

Previously withdrawn claims **79-85 have been rejoined and allowed.**

In summary, **claims 64, 66-72, 76, 79-85 are allowed.**

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vy Q. Bui whose telephone number is 571-272-4692. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jackie Ho can be reached on 571-272-46962. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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